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Appl. No. : 10/002,842 Confirmation No. 3654  
Applicant(s) : James Hunter Boone, et al.  
Filed : 11/14/2001  
Group Art Unit : 1641  
Examiner : Lisa V. Cook  
Title : METHOD FOR DIFFERENTIATING IRRITABLE BOWEL  
SYNDROME FROM INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE  
(IBD) AND FOR MONITORING PERSONS WITH IBD USING  
TOTAL ENDOGENOUS LACTOFERRIN AS A MARKER

Docket No. : TLAB.79219  
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Dear Sir:

**SUMMARY OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW**

Applicants submit this Summary setting forth a statement of the substance of a telephonic interview that occurred on December 19, 2005.

1. Brief Description of the Nature of any Exhibit Shown or any Demonstration Conducted: None.

2. Identification of the Claims Discussed: Claims 1-9, 12 and 14-16.

3. Identification of Specific References Discussed:

Sugi, et al., The American Journal of Gastroenterology, Vol. 91, No. 5, 927-934 (1996).

Peen, et al., Gut, 1993, 34, 56-62.

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Summary of Telephonic Interview  
dated January 26, 2006

4. Identification of the Principle Proposed Amendments of a Substantive

Nature Discussed:

A proposed amendment to claims 1 and 12 for the diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS).

5. The General Thrust of the Principal Arguments of Applicant and the

Examiner:

That the proposed claim limitations patentably distinguish over the aforementioned references and other prior art of record.

6. General Indication Of Any Other Pertinent Matters Discussed:

Applicants offered to submit the claim in a formal response, attached herewith.

Respectfully submitted.



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**COMMENTS:**

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Dear Examiner Cook:

Pursuant to our conversation, please find attached Applicants' amendment and response to the Final Office action for this case.

I can be reached at (816) 559-2179 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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